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Moral crusade gathers pace

Parties sign up to manifesto of civic values

Erwin MacAskill and John Carvel

THE Conservatives, Labour and Liberal Democrats began a stampede yesterday to claim they were closest to the moral agenda for the regeneration of Britain set out by the widow of Philip Lawrence, the murdered headteacher.

On a day which saw politics, morality and religion mixing unhappily together, the parties vied with one another to lead Frances Lawrence's national movement to renew civic values among Britain's young.

The Conservatives insisted that while Labour spoke about filling the moral vacuum, the Government was putting into place education and law and order measures to meet her concerns.

Many of them will be central to tomorrow's Queen's Speech, a Central Office spokesman said.

Labour claimed Tony Blair had been espousing many of the views on civic regeneration well before he became leader, and that many of Mrs Lawrence's education plans had been included in a document produced by the shadow education secretary, David Blunkett, last December.

In her "manifesto" Mrs Lawrence called for:

- A nationwide movement to banish violence and encourage civic values
- A ban on the sale of combat knives
- New primary school courses in good citizenship
- A higher status in society for teachers and the police
- Governments to end neutrality on the concept of the family
- Children to be involved in family life, not leading separate lives within the home
- An emphasis in teaching on effort, earnestness and excellence

Differences emerged on the issue of knives. Labour is committed to a ban on knives but the Conservatives said such a ban was impossible as it would affect kitchen knives and Stanley knives.

Mrs Lawrence said simply: "Today is a time for other

people to speak. I have nothing further to say at the moment."

Gillian Shepherd, Education Secretary, denied that public opinion was driving the politicians into action.

Her Labour shadow, David Blunkett, said: "Our party's intention is to build on the examples of excellence in personal and social education to ensure that the teaching of citizenship is central to the development of young people from the earliest appropriate moment."

Liberal Democrat home affairs spokesman Alex Carlile warned against being patronising to young people and his colleague Charles Kennedy warned that the action taken by Mrs Lawrence and the Dunblane parents was a comment on the government of the day.

But the chorus of support from the politicians provoked scepticism from the leader of Britain's second largest teaching union.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said teachers wanted urgent action to crack down on indiscipline in schools instead of worthy moralising from political leaders.

"Teachers have had enough of endless discussions with parents youngsters," he said. "They would all support Mrs Lawrence's basic message, but they could not wait for a political campaign for restoring social values to bear fruit."

"Schools will not be able to begin to turn the situation around unless and until they convey a much greater sense of urgency by excluding violent, disruptive youngsters much more quickly."

Doug McAvooy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said Mrs Lawrence's campaign would be welcomed by teachers and parents who had never believed Mrs Thatcher's edict that "society does not exist."

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Frances Lawrence at her London home yesterday, as politicians vied to support her 'manifesto' PHOTOGRAPH: SHAWN BALDWIN

Frances Lawrence's manifesto faces a harsh test-bed at The Ridings school on the Ovenden estate in Halifax. Headteacher Karen Stansfield takes early retirement in December, blaming stress; teachers feel that one in 10 of the 600 pupils are such a threat that they should be excluded. Staff ballot later this month on a strike if there is no crackdown; governors are holding emergency talks with Calderdale education authority. Brian Garvey, Halifax teacher and executive member of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers details the realities his colleagues face.

FROM the start of the school day, every day, teachers at the Ridings face disruption from a group of pupils, a minority but now a considerable number. They get verbal abuse — they are regularly told where to go in no uncertain terms. They get physical abuse — they have been stoned and punched. The police have been called in twice in the last week.

"The pupils involved regularly refuse to do work. What do you do when that happens? Put them in detention? They say: well, I'm not coming to do detention. You write to the parents (and the vast majority of parents are very supportive). Their parents say: No, that's right. They're not coming in to do detention."

"The problem is simply that a small number of disruptive pupils have been allowed to stay in school for too long. They consistently set a bad example to the others, most of whom only want to behave and to get on with their schooling. These ones show that you can tangle with staff and get away with it, and they draw in others who would never normally misbehave. Verbal abuse from them is an everyday thing and physical abuse is getting commoner."

"Last week, stones were thrown at a teacher (which has happened before). Another was punched on the

arms and chest. And a female member of staff had her bottom pinched by a pupil. That may sound like the sort of thing people laugh at, but here it is sexual assault.

"The school consistently does its best to try to sort things out. It has adopted a 'Discipline for Learning' system, with close supervision of pupils at lunchtimes, a lot of effort from staff, the use of detention and encouragement through merit points and other rewards. But this group just hasn't responded to that at all. If they had been taken out of the school in time, we wouldn't have come to this."

"Why do they even bother to come to school? I think it's almost a case of them turning up to have what they think is fun."

"Staff have meanwhile lost almost all the sanctions they used to have, through the Government's steady withdrawal of them over the last 17 years. Lessons the pupils might be expected to enjoy, like games or PE, are no better."

"The Ridings suffers from a lack of effective boundaries and both truants and members of the public can cross the playing fields. Again, staff have had verbal abuse from members of the public when they are trying to take games."

"The situation got worse when the school started taking in pupils from Mixten-

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Bitter taste lingers as growers squeeze last drop from Chablis

Paul Webster in Chablis

THE annual Burgundy miracle of the multiplying Chablis is about to take place: 20 times more wine than a quarter of a century ago is fermenting in barrels and vats, giving rise to a whispering campaign accusing growers of overplanting.

Britain, the biggest importer, spends about \$15 million a year on its favourite dry white, but the ever-expanding crop has raised questions about whether it all merits the Chablis label.

Demand owes much to Britain's wine bar cult where the drink is often regarded as an outworn equivalent to the mobile phone. After a stute promotion over 20 years, Britain takes 27 per cent of Chablis's exports and Ger-

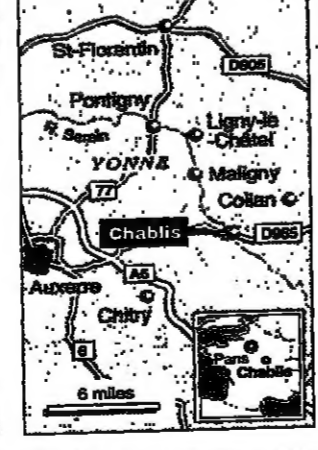
many and Japan are following that example.

But greater pressures for bigger output have come from French supermarkets, whose autumn Foire des Vins have forced growers to squeeze vineyards beyond traditional limits.

Rival growers are suspicious that Chablis, at the northern end of Burgundy, is cutting corners to meet the demand. While production elsewhere in Bourgogne has dropped because of European Union restrictions and strict quality controls, the Yonne department around Chablis continues to set records.

In the mid-1970s, when dairy farming dominated, there were only 1,750 acres of grapes. Now vineyards cover 12,500 acres and output has risen twenty-fold to about 30 million bottles a year.

Jean-Jacques Vincent, who



grows Pouilly-Fuissé near Mâcon, expressed fears of growers in other regions that the whole of Burgundy might suffer from the suspicion that

Chablis, the dominant white Bourgogne, was being grown in unsuitable areas. Other critics said that Chablis's output, which jumped 26 per cent

in 1995, would be at least equalled this year, hinting that dubious practices were boosting production.

Stephane Corazza, a leading Paris merchant, is advising customers to stay away from all popular Burgundy whites because he believes that too many growers, in wine jargon "plis" their vines to meet demand. Tim Johnson, a British buyer based in Paris, said a debate had been avoided because French journalists shied away from praising domestic wines.

"The journalists are so badly paid that trips to vineyards and the hospitality that goes with them are like a stipend," he said.

Officials in Chablis, a town of 2,000 people, shrugged off criticisms about expansion, saying ambitions were modest compared to the 19th century when nearly 100,000

acres produced plonk for Paris's working classes.

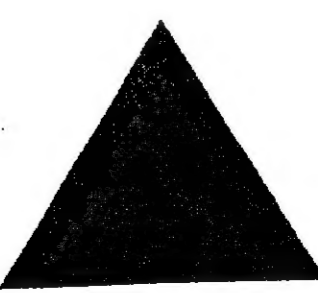
Two growers' unions, or syndicates, pursued opposing policies. William Fèvre led campaigns to restrict the Chablis label but lost court appeals. His rival, Jean Durup, lobbied to spread the Chablis designation to fill empty ground around 20 villages.

Mr Fèvre gave up his campaign two years ago but still believes that Chablis is losing credibility, particularly as new demands have been made to extend growing surfaces and upgrade downmarket Petit Chablis to Chablis status.

"We're heading towards a situation where you won't distinguish one crop from another," he said. "Because we didn't respect historical boundaries, the reputation of our premiers crus has already been severely hit."



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Handwritten documents capturing essence of Mahatma's credo to be auctioned



Gandhi with Lord and Lady Mountbatten in the garden of the viceroy's house in Delhi in 1947. In one key text Gandhi wrote to Mountbatten disputing his stance on partition

Gandhi's £1m words of wisdom

John Ezard

“EVEN if I am alone, I swear by non-violence and truth,” wrote Mahatma Gandhi, father of modern India, shortly before his assassination. These combined virtues stood “for the highest order of courage before which the atom bomb pales into insignificance”.

cache of 70 handwritten documents which came to light through Phillips, the London auctioneer. Said to rank in importance “with some of the great presidential archives and possibly the Churchill papers”, they are expected to fetch up to £1 million on November 14. Felix Fryor, the specialist who first read them, said: “I was left with a feeling of awe.”

The papers cover the last six months of the Indian independence leader's life before he was killed at the age of 78 by a Hindu extremist on January 30, 1948. They are the original texts — scribbled in notebooks and on the backs of envelopes and recycled letters — of some of his most eloquent sayings on independence, partition and non-violence.

Gandhi, who trained as a lawyer in London, wrote in English. His speeches and public prayers were translated by secretaries into Hindi and, often, back into English. Many of the existing official texts are considered unreliable because of this double translation process. The originals turned out to be in the hands of one of his former secretaries, V. Kalyanam, now in his seventies. Mr Kalyanam, who lives in Madras, has given them to a Hindu charitable foundation to fund the building of a temple.

One key text is his letter to the Viceroy of India, Lord Mountbatten, countering Mountbatten's argument that India's Hindu majority would never have allowed partition if this had not been enforced by British rule. “That Hindu society, by reason of its mere superiority in numbers, can crush millions of Muslims is an

astonishing myth,” Gandhi wrote. The papers also contain his reply to Winston Churchill's denunciation of inter-communal “horrors and butcheries, perpetrated upon one another with the ferocity of cannibals by races gifted with capacities for the highest culture”. Gandhi answered by praising Churchill as a great man who “belonged to the blue blood of England” and had saved Britain and the Empire in war. He added mildly: “Mr Churchill was over-hasty. India is composed of team-

Home prices boosted by shortage

Teresa Hunter

PROPERTY prices are expected to rise sharply because of a serious shortage of houses for sale, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. The number of properties on the market is at an eight-year low and has dropped by a third compared with the same period last year, it says. Although the scarcity of property could threaten a continued recovery in the housing market, it spells further price rises for homeowners with desirable properties in the short-term. Ian Perry, the institution's housing market spokesman, said: “The scarcity of properties is forcing up prices but it also means that reasonably priced, desirable properties are being sold extremely quickly, giving the false impression that a boom is imminent.”

A general reluctance to put houses on the market will do any prospects of a housing boom in the bud, he said, as owners delay selling until prices rise further. Mr Perry added: “Any stalemate in the market is exacerbated by the vestiges of negative equity. Some owners still have an over-optimistic expectation of what their house is worth, causing them to put their house hunting on hold.” The institution confirmed that prices are continuing to rise throughout the country — with a few localised exceptions. The fastest rate of increase is in the South, but Yorkshire and Humberside have also seen a large proportion of surveyors reporting price rises. Estate agent Bryan Elphick, of Ashstead, Surrey said: “We continue to be very busy, but are increasingly frustrated at the bareness of our cupboard. With more instructions, business could be quite exceptional.” This was echoed by Tim Russ, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. He said: “Homes are generally selling quickly with prices improving. However, there remains a very limited choice in all price ranges.” John Focock, of Cambridge, warned: “There is clearly a problem looming in the market with an insufficient supply of houses becoming available. This has brought about a sudden rise in the number of competitors for many homes with prices increasing as a result.” But improved sales and prices are not universal. Wilman & Lodge in Skipton, Yorkshire, expressed concern at the relatively poor level of sales of cheaper properties. Richard Storry, of Stokesley, North Yorkshire, said: “There has been an increase in activity, but we feel this has not yet given rise to price and valuation increases.”

All's well that ends well for Wallace and Gromit

Ian Katz in New York

NATIONAL cultural disaster was narrowly averted yesterday morning when an apologetic New York taxi driver returned Britain's most famous Plasticine film stars to their Oscar winning creator, Nick Park. The British film-maker had been distraught since being parted from his beloved Wallace and Gromit as they arrived in New York during a fierce storm on Saturday evening. The original models of the cheese-loving inventor and his cerebral pooch, along with their £8,000 motorcycle and side-car, were left in the boot of a taxi after a hotel porter unloaded Mr Park's bags.

Mr Park gave chase but lost the taxi in heavy traffic on 5th street. He and publicist Arthur Sheriff spent the weekend contacting local radio stations, police and companies and producing a “photofit” of the missing duo. Mr Park said the taxi driver walked into the Ritz Royal hotel carrying the black box containing Wallace and Gromit yesterday morning. “I couldn't believe it because I had sort of resigned myself to not seeing them again.” Mr Park said he offered the cabbie money, but he would not accept it. Wallace and Gromit were both fine. Mr Park recalled Wallace's remark at the end of The Wrong Trousers: “All's well that ends well.”



“At once I saw that I had to be in Delhi and do or die. No man, if he is pure, has anything more precious to give than his life”

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lowliest of the villager that it
means his freedom from despotism

A letter written by Gandhi two days before his assassination is among those being auctioned

There is talk in Bombay of spending 10 lacs (1 million rupees) on erecting my statue. I must dissent emphatically. In Bombay the beautiful, insatiable reigns, there is so much overcrowding that poor people are packed like sardines. Wise use of 10 lacs will consist in its being spent on some public utility. — article, September 13, 1947

At once I saw that I had to be in Delhi and do or die. No man, if he is pure, has anything more precious to give than his life. I flatter myself with the belief that the loss of her soul by India will mean the loss of the hope of the aching, storm-tossed and hungry world. — prayer speech announcing last fast to stop communal slaughter, January 12, 1948

It was a soul-stirring sight for me to meet Muslim sisters in large numbers yesterday. Girls in their party told me they were uncertain whether they should come to me. They were in Purdah, most of them. I suggested they would not wear the Purdah before their fathers or brothers. Why should they think less of me? And off came the Purdah without exception. I mention this to show what genuine love is able to do. — prayer speech, January 19, 1948

We are on the road to showing the lowliest of villager that [independence] means his freedom from serfdom, that he is the salt of Indian earth. Let us not defer the hope and make the heart sick... I wonder if we can ever be free of the fever of power politics or the bid for power that afflicts the political world West and East? — last prayer speech, January 26, 1948, two days before assassination

The trouble with being a celebrity for doing nothing, is that you disappear into the candyfloss of your own creation. Mark Borkowski warns: “The price of fame is pretty high. Caprice may need some talent other than her physical attributes when things begin to sag.”

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Religion, morality and politics

Catholic blessing for minimum pay

Pre-election briefing backs membership of trade unions and amounts to a wide-ranging criticism of Conservative record. Madeleine Bunting reports

THE Catholic Church's remarkable pre-election briefing throws its moral authority behind a minimum wage, a bill of rights and membership of trade unions in what amounts to a trenchant and wide-ranging criticism of four terms of Conservative government.

The 13,000-word closely argued pamphlet, *The Common Good and the Catholic Church's Social Teaching*, has been drawn up by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and will be distributed to every parish with the recommendation that every Catholic should reflect on its content in deciding how to cast their vote.

of Leeds, and head of the working party which wrote the document, insisted that the church was not telling Catholics how to vote. But the scattering of key political catch phrases throughout the text will be seized upon as indicative of a strong bias towards Labour and Liberal Democrat policies.

And in a reference to a remark once made by a leading Conservative that unemployment was a price worth paying for low inflation, the bishops insist that no section of society should be sacrificed for the advantage of the majority.

Main points

- **Poverty:** Even "relative poverty", must be addressed. The gap between rich and poor undermines the common good.
- **Morality in the market place:** Laissez-faire capitalism is incompatible with Catholic teaching on the common good.
- **The media:** Broadcasters and journalists are responsible for declining standards.
- **Workers' rights:** Workers have rights superior to those of capital, including the right to decent work, to just wages, to security of employment, to adequate rest and holidays, to health and safety protection, to non-discrimination, to form and join trade unions and, as a last resort, to go on strike.
- **The right to life:** Catholics had to speak out against the use of abortion to solve social or personal difficulties.



Cardinal Basil Hume... he denounces the 'abuse of economic power' which deprives employees of a decent wage

PHOTOGRAPH: GARRY WEAVER

...this voluntarily... the state (should) make them do so by means of a statutory minimum wage."

sign." But they warn against unions being too closely associated with political parties.

underlie political life, drawing heavily on the social teaching of the Vatican and the present Pope rather than tackling specific policy areas.

abled, ill or infirm, homeless or poorly housed, in prison, refugees". Everyone had a right to "decent work, housing, health care, freedom of speech, education and to raise and provide for a family".

undermines the common good. An employee is not a "commodity to be bought and sold according to market requirements".

this area has sometimes demeaned or damaged the sense of vocation and dedication to others which has traditionally been a hallmark of the professions involved.

Christianity in Labour Party returns from the wilderness

Ewen MacAskill reports on a religious reincarnation on the political stage

RELIGION became fashionable in the Labour Party again in 1993 after the late John Smith made a speech at Bloomsbury Baptist Church, central London, linking his

Christian beliefs and democratic socialism. Although he had not concealed his Christianity, it came as a surprise that a Labour leader should devote a whole speech to religion. It

contrasted with the 1980s, in which the party had appeared to be mainly agnostic. Both the party leaders in the 1980s, Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock, had been agnostic.

ism. Reclaiming the Ground, it was Mr Blair who wrote the foreword. He said Christianity provided a "powerful compass" for the direction Britain needed to take.

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to the political debate has brought confusion, with religion and morality being mixed up. Both parties fighting for the high ground - whatever that is - produces unsightly squabbles such as yesterday's over whether Labour or the Conservatives were closer to the campaign goals set out by Frances Lawrence, widow of the murdered headmaster, or whether the Roman Catholic Church's document was pro-Labour.

Chris Smith, the shadow health secretary, echoing the view also expressed by Mr Blair, said: "I do not want party politics hijacking Christianity for political gain so that you end up with the US experience of fundamentalism. You let Christianity inform your political views but do not go parading it around as a reason for voting for a political party."

Religion has been part of the Labour Party since its foundation, running from Keir Hardie and Ramsay MacDonald through to the 1945 Labour government, only beginning to become unfeasible in the 1960s.

For Conservatives it has always been a central part of their politics. John Major, on becoming prime minister six years ago, had little to say on it, regarding it as a private matter, but recently he has been less reticent, dismissing speculation that he was agnostic by disclosing that he prayed regularly and that his Conservatism "flows from the Christian faith".

Morality and religion is not easy ground for either party, given the diversity of opinion among Christians in both parties.

Keir Hardie: early advocate of Christianity in party

Ramsay MacDonald: leader who was also Christian

Michael Foot: lead party which appeared agnostic

Neil Kinnock: followed Foot in agnosticism

NHS 'should run jail hospitals'

Owen Bowcott and Alan Travis

THE Prison Service's medical division provides such an inadequate level of patient care that it should urgently be incorporated into the National Health Service, according to a leaked copy of a report by the Chief Inspector of Prisons.

The 47-page document, entitled *Prisoner or Patient?*, is understood to be an early draft of Sir David Ramsbotham's recommendations which have been at the centre of a long-running dispute with the Home Office.

The report comes amid mounting concern over the level of suicides among prisoners. Already this year there have been 51 self-inflicted deaths among those on remand or serving sentences in England and Wales. The figure for the whole of last year was 60.

Sir David has not shirked from confrontation with the Home Office. Last December, he ordered his inspection team to walk out of Holloway prison to protest against the jail's appalling conditions.

The fact that his latest report had become an issue of contention between Sir David and the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, was reported in the Guardian last summer. There were also claims of attempts to suppress or revise it.

The draft document, obtained by Channel 4 News in advance of the final report which is due to be released on Friday, urges that the issue of how the medical service is run should be resolved within months rather than years.

Sir David warns: "The NHS should assume responsibility for the delivery of all health care. Only in this way can consistency of service to everyone, in or out of prison, be ensured."

Deborah Coles, of the pressure group Inquest, which monitors deaths in custody, yesterday welcomed the report's conclusions: "We have always argued that the prison health service is far too closely linked to punitive aspects of the regime."

The Prison Service declined to comment until the report had been officially released.

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Crime Correspondent

COLIN Stagg, acquitted of the murder of Rachel Nickell on Wimbledon Common in 1992, yesterday offered for sale more than 50 defence files which he claimed would prove his innocence. A distinguished psychologist who would have given evidence for Mr Stagg if the trial had continued, also argued that the evidence pointed to his innocence. The claims came in response to the publication in the Mail on Sunday of statements of prosecution witnesses. The statements were never used in the Old Bailey trial because Mr Stagg was acquitted after the judge, Mr Justice Ognall, had ruled inadmissible the evidence gathered by an undercover police officer, "Lizzie James".

In a statement yesterday, Mr Stagg, aged 33, offered to make fresh evidence available for money. "Why shouldn't I make something considering I am the poorest one out of all of them and in reality it's my right and my story." A fee of £4,000 was requested. His wife, Diane, aged 28, said from their home in Roshampton, south-west London, that her husband had left for a few days because of media harassment, but he returned later. Earlier Mrs Stagg turned a hosepipe some journalists outside the house. Peter Cadman, Mr Stagg's lawyer, complained about the media. "Yet again the result of this article has been a media posse encamped outside our client's address. Mr Stagg wishes to put this matter behind him. There is a fresh team of detectives who have been working on this investigation since Mr Stagg's

acquittal in September, 1994. He trusts that their enquiries will lead to the arrest, charge and conviction of the murderer." Through his lawyer, Mr Stagg claimed that senior police officers and Crown counsel had accepted that there had been insufficient evidence to start a trial against him. He also claimed that the evidence recently published in the media was flawed. He received support from David Canter, professor of psychology at Liverpool University, who has also been carrying out a detailed study of the way in which the case was investigated. After studying the case and after interviewing Mr Stagg, he had been able to find no evidence that pointed to his guilt. "In fact, there are many (pieces of evidence) that support his innocence," Professor Canter, who advises the police service on interview techniques and has assisted them in many cases, said that the prosecution statements published gave a very limited perspective. "One of the great things about British justice is that we don't expect people to be tried in the media," said Professor Canter, author of Criminal Shadows, a study of serial-killing investigations. Mr Stagg had answered every question he asked him satisfactorily and had not fudged on any. As a result of the way the case was conducted he was now advising police on techniques to help them avoid coercive questioning.



Diane Stagg leaves her home, yesterday after turning a hosepipe on journalists outside. PHOTOGRAPH: JUSTIN WILLIAMS

Musician revs up his Saracens to back up Devon anti-road protesters



RECORD producer Jim Cauly, formerly of rock band KLF, pumps up the volume in one of his two armoured personnel carriers — ready to do battle in support of anti-roads campaigners, writes Geoffrey Gibbs. Armed with nothing deadlier than low frequency sound waves, the Saracens have joined protesters living in a field at Trollheim, Devon — one of three camps set up in the path of the

new A30 between Honiton and Exeter. The former Ministry of Defence vehicles have been turned into giant mobile sound systems by Mr Cauly, who gave a demonstration of their frightening power by playing Louis Armstrong's 'What a Wonderful World' and music by the Carpenters yesterday. Even worse could be in store for bailiffs, he warns. "We like to surprise you. When the day comes,

the sonic tone you can hear in the background will be much louder and much more abrasive." Protesters at the three camps have been on red alert for eviction since the beginning of last week when the Anglo-German consortium chosen to build and operate the route under the Government's private finance initiative won possession orders on the land in the High Court. PHOTOGRAPH: SHAMUS MCCAFFREY

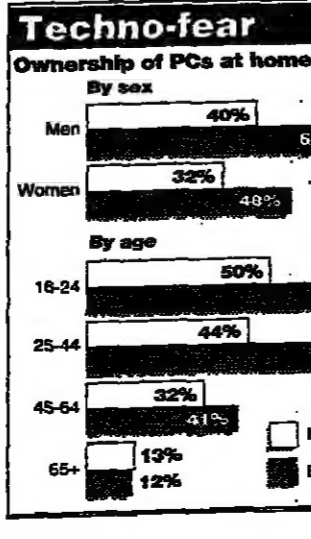


Internet revolution 'creating underclass'

Sceptical 'have nots' could fall into information void and lose out in job market. **Stuart Millar** surfs the IT divide

THE information technology revolution is creating a divided society with almost half the British public fearing they are being left behind, according to a report published yesterday. The report, commissioned by the electronics firm Motorola, warned that the disturbing number of information "have-nots" could be left at a disadvantage in the employment market as new technologies continue to be introduced. It also suggested the Government and industry could save billions of pounds and improve services if access to on-line services was widened. "Having an IT underclass, without the means or knowledge or to some extent desire to gear up for the future, will mean that society will fall further behind in the ability to take advantage of all that information technology can offer," the report argues. Information technology has already emerged as a potent political issue, with Tony Blair committing Labour to widening access in schools.

with 25 per cent of those aged 45 and over. The report argued that lack of knowledge meant older people risked missing out on opportunities to make their lives easier, such as on-line shopping. It also warned that working class and unemployed people were likely to fall into the "information void". But while the current generation remained unconvinced, there was almost universal agreement that new technology offered great opportunities for the future. More than 80 per cent believed that children would find it useful to have access to the Internet in the controlled environment offered in schools, and more than half predicted they would own personal computers by the end of the decade. Similarly, 53 per cent were comfortable with the idea of casting their votes electronically, while 46 per cent said they would be happy to do their banking via computer.



The Internet

- 85% of the population have heard of the Internet
- 9% use it on a regular basis
- 78% wouldn't know how to get connected even if they wanted to
- 25% don't use the Internet because they're not interested

Sex case men tell court their lives are 'shattered'

Clare Dyer
Legal Correspondent

SIXTEEN men who were jailed for taking part in sado-masochistic sexual activities could be compensated if a challenge to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg is successful. The law which criminalises sado-masochistic sex between consenting adults infringes individuals' right to a private life as guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights, say three of the men. They were jailed after the notorious Operation Spanner case in 1998. If they succeed, the Government will be forced to change the law and pay them compensation. Lawyers for Roland Jaggard, Anthony Brown and Colin Laskey —

who died in his 50s last year after launching the Strasbourg case nearly four years ago — say their lives were ruined when they were jailed and lost their jobs. Mr Jaggard, aged 49, suffered from depression after he was sacked from his job as a missile designer and had to have extensive psychiatric treatment. Mr Brown, aged 51, a former local government officer, was allowed to take early retirement. Both men are now unemployed. The 16 men, all adults, had consented to taking part in activities described as "genital torture". The "victims" could call a halt whenever they wished, and nobody suffered serious harm or needed hospital treatment. Videos of their exploits, not intended for public showing, were discovered accidentally by police and the men were prosecuted. They pleaded guilty to charges including wounding and causing actual bodily harm after an Old Bailey judge ruled that consent

Law 'unprincipled and incoherent and in urgent need of reform'

was not a defence. The men were originally sentenced to jail terms of up to 4½ years, which were later reduced on appeal. The case went to the House of Lords, where the men lost by a 3:2 majority. Lord Lester QC told the Strasbourg judges yesterday that the case raised important issues of general public interest. The three men's lives had been shattered, and Mr Brown and Mr Jaggard "will continue to suffer a special degree of misery for the rest of their lives". The law was "unprincipled and incoherent and in urgent need of coherent reform". The Law Commission was awaiting Strasbourg's judgment before making final recommendations for reform, and the court's ruling could be "a crucial catalyst". The Government argues that banning sado-masochistic practices is justified because of the risk of serious injury and infection, and possible corruption of the young. John Wadham, director of the civil liberties group, Liberty, and one of the lawyers for the men, said: "Consent forms a defence to assault in sports, medical operations, ear piercing, religious flagellation and many other practices which are not to everyone's taste. The police should be out catching real criminals." But the judge directed the jury to try to reach a majority verdict, and it convicted Mr Gregory by a 10-2 majority.

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Red tape slashed to speed flow of private funds

Social Security Secretary Peter Lilley presents the plastic benefits payment card that renders girocheques obsolete to its first customer, Victoria Yemm, from Leonard Stanley, Gloucestershire. The card is being launched at 10 post offices in the Bristol area. The PFI contract to computerise benefit and pension payments, which could be worth £1 billion over eight years, has been awarded to ICL Pathway.



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Clarke tries to revive PFI

Richard Thomas
Economics Correspondent

THE Government attempted to revive its flagging private finance initiative yesterday, promising to slash Whitehall red tape and speed up the flow of private sector cash into public services.

Responding to widespread business criticism of the PFI as bureaucratic, slow and costly, the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, pledged to streamline the contracting process.

Although the CBI welcomed the proposals to simplify the PFI bidding process, director-general Adam Turner warned against using the initiative to justify cuts in state spending, particularly on transport.

Turner warned that while transport and prisons had been fruitful areas for the PFI, health and defence remained almost untouched by private money.

He insisted the PFI had been permanently woven into the culture of Whitehall. "The battle over the principles has been won. We are now tackling the practicalities," he said.

Initiative fails the test of viability

BORN in the dark days after the pound's ejection from the ERM, the private finance initiative was seen as a way of providing a new economic direction, looking fresh and generally jollying everyone along, writes Richard Thomas.

Even in relatively straightforward schemes many potential contractors find the red tape involved prohibitive, and bidding costs alone can run into millions of pounds.

Pearson tipped for takeover or make-over

Lisa Buckingham

PEARSON, the company that owns the Financial Times, Penguin Books, Madame Tussauds and Thames TV, yesterday saw its stock market value rise by £210 million to more than £2.16 billion on speculation that the company will be forced to dismember itself or assume a hostile takeover assault.

Budgie goes belly-up in the US

Ian King

BUDGIE the Little Hell-copier, the cartoon creation of the Duchesses of York, has flopped in America, according to Sleepy Kids, the company which owns the rights to the character.

Waterstone fathers new concept: the Daisy & Tom chain

Dan Atkinson

FIRST there was Quadruphenia, the album that became a film that spawned a (different) album of the film. Then there was Moonraker, the novel that led to a film so divergent from the novel that a novelisation of the film was called for. And who could forget Michael Jackson's multiplying videos of the making of Thriller?

EU's transit rules 'create open road for freight fraud'

Dan Atkinson

EUROPEAN freight and transport companies are picking up a \$6 billion-plus bill for fraud perpetrated within the EU's tax and customs system, according to the International Chamber of Commerce.

Calling Herr Sid

Dan Atkinson

BRITISH Gas's "Sid" campaign may have encapsulated the British Government's drive to recruit the small investor, but it was the earlier privatisation of BT which was the real watershed.

Cowdrays can stave off Sky



Mark Milner

BRITISH Sky Broadcasting's shares command a price-earnings ratio of a whisker over 50, not quite as high as their foreign allies for all that. It is little surprise, therefore, to find analysts speculating that the company might want to use such highly rated paper to make acquisitions.

thing up to DM30 a share, the German group is scarcely a give-away, though most analysts yesterday reckoned the price range was fair enough.

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'I know a dinosaur called Daryl Powell, dug up by an archaeologist's trowel. He likes to think he's young like us, drawing his pension and free rides on the bus.'

Such contributions to the Welsh poetic tradition may have earned Rowland Phillips the title Bard of Bridgend, but they have done little for his Antipodean tour

Andy Wilson on the travails of a versifying prop

Waiting game for budding bard

ADYLAN THOMAS he is not. Thomas's poems were not blithely notched clean. But Thomas would not have tackled the New Zealand Maoris at Whangarei today, so Rowland Phillips is, one assumes, the best Welsh poet to have represented Great Britain on a rugby league tour. It was a week in Papua New Guinea at the start of the tour which inspired or rather drove Phillips to verse. His first effort, My Cyst, was a reflection on the long-standing facial injury which became infected after his Test debut in Lae and ruled him out of the two games in Fiji. The Lamphard Man was on similar lines, but both poems have gone missing during the Lions' stay in Auckland, with the room maids the prime suspects. Fortunately My Friend Bernard, a lament for the tribulations on tour of Phillips'



Breathless prose... Rowland Phillips takes in oxygen during Great Britain's Test match against Papua New Guinea

PHOTOGRAPH: VICTORIA MATTHEWS

room-mate in PNG, Bernard Dwyer, has been preserved for posterity. Dwyer had it typed and has sent a copy to his wife in St Helens to be framed. Dwyer was sidelined in PNG by histers, aggravated in a training session in Singapore midway through the squad's marathon journey. Then he suffered chronic diarrhoea and finally he had his money stolen from a hotel safe in Fiji. Phillips wrote: "If you think your life is dire, spare a thought for Bernard Dwyer."

The Bard of Bridgend's next poem was Daryl the Dinosaur, the study above of Daryl Powell, who at 31 is the oldest player in the party; a week older than Phillips. Unlike Powell, established as a centre in the Test team, Phillips has found himself lumped with the midweek team. They call themselves the Ham and Eggers; none of them knows why, but the rhyming slang for dregs is favourite. Yet today Phillips will be battling with his fellow prop Brian McDermott, Steve Mellor and Neil Harman to earn a place on the bench in Friday's second Test.

Phillips's selection for the tour smacked of tokenism to those family live in Neath. "But league is my main sport now." He may yet join South Wales if the Super League invites that club to compete in 1988. If not this will almost certainly be his international swan-song, eight years after his first rugby union tour of New Zealand with Wales. Phillips has yet to start a game on tour and will again be a substitute against the Maoris today. McDermott and Mellor, excluded from the first Test defeat against New Zealand on Friday after playing in Fiji, are in the starting line-up. The Lions are spoilt for choice in the forwards, with Harman and Dave Bradbury also kept on the bench, but Larder's options in the three-quarters have been seriously limited by knee injuries that have caused Joey Hayes and Jason Critchley to be sent home. Larder has called up the

Salford centre Nathan McAvoy, captain of the Under-19 Academy side also in New Zealand, as a substitute, with Sheffield's Keith Senior switching to the wing. Senior needs to impress to retain his place for the second Test in Palmerston North. Adrian Morley, who was harshly sin-binned five minutes into his Test debut, will also start today, but the most significant selection is that of Karl Hammond at stand-off. He has alternated between stand-off and loose forward on tour before being forced out to centre by the injuries to Hayes and Critchley in the second half of the game against the President's side. Hammond impressed in all three positions and today he will wear No. 6, with Tuisen Tollet, a specialist half-back, at centre — the strongest indication yet that Hammond is pressing yet again for the Test stand-off position.

Phillips has been lumped with the tourists' Ham and Eggers

Chepstow runners and riders

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Benny The Dip has first class claims in Post

Racing
Benny The Dip, American-owned and bred, is the bookmakers' favourite to silence the combined guns of Godolphin and Henry Cecil in the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster on Saturday. While the £75,000 race could yet decide the champion trainer's title — Cecil runs Besiege and Godolphin have supplemented Asas and Medaaly at a cost of £30,000 — Benny The Dip, named after a Damon Runyon character, has the form in the book. Landon Knight's colt had Besiege two lengths back in third when he won the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot last month. Acting on that evidence, Hill's make the John Gosden-trained juvenile 2.1. Coral go 7-4 and the Tote 13-8. Asas and Medaaly are bracketed on 8-1 with Coral, along with Fotean, another supplementary entry. Benny Hill's are as low as 11-2 about Potean, a tidy winner on his debut at Haydock for Luca Cumani. Sunbeam Dance, Godolphin's only runner yesterday, made no show in the Tote Silver Tankard at Pontefract, leaving his trainer Saed bin Surour £50,000 behind Cecil after last Saturday's tumultuous events. Can Ben could edge Cecil further ahead after the Spinney Conditions Stakes at Chesham today, but at level weights the Mark Johnston-trained Celestial Key (3.00) should have the edge. Nigelri Hills (4.00) has proved expensive to follow, but he has done most of his racing on fast ground. In the belief that today's going will bring out the best in him, John Dunlop's colt is napped in the Richard Holder Handicap. His stable companion Mawared (5.00) made a promising return to action when third behind Present Arms at Leicester last week. The latter has been well backed for next month's November Handicap — he was cut from 10-1 to 7-1 favourite by Coral yesterday — and Mawared can give the form a boost here. Britain's Breeders' Cup challenge got off the ground yesterday when the nine-strong team, spearheaded by leading miller Mark Of Esteem, flew out of Stansted for Woodbine Toronto. The team face up to 48 hours in quarantine but are likely to take their first track exercise tomorrow morning provided they clear the routine blood tests which are taken on arrival. The Woodbine track has been hit by a week of almost non-stop rain, but racecourse publicity director Bruce Walker predicts a perfect ground for Saturday. "It's soft at the moment but not as soft as European runners are used to. The forecast is for sun with wind on Friday and this course really drains well, the best of any track in North America." "You could hear the horses squishing round it this morning but the surface will really tighten up in the next few days," he said yesterday. Coral reported further support for Mark Of Esteem and now make the colt 11-10 for the Mile from 11-8.

Sparrow repeats call for tax cut

WITH the Budget just over a month away Levy Board chairman Sparrow has repeated the call for betting duty to be cut to 5 per cent. In response to calls for duty to be slashed to mitigate the damage caused to the racing industry by the National Lottery, Kenneth Clarke reduced the rate from 7.75 per cent to 6.75 in last November's Budget. Sparrow has received a lukewarm welcome. Of the 1.75 per cent cut called for, 1 per cent would be passed on to off-course punters via a reduction in bookmakers' deductions, with 0.75 passed on to racing via the Levy.

Head she wins RACELINE CRIGUETTE HEAD'S Blushing Prix won yesterday's 10-runner Prix de Saint-Cyr at Deauville with John Gosden's Darling Flame and the Williams Jarvis-trained Midnight Blue ninth and tenth.

Rugby Union

For a full season Frank Keating lived and breathed with the England team and was privy to the secrets of the inner sanctum. Here he reveals how it felt to find himself more of an interloper than a fly on the wall as Jack Rowell put the team through their paces

Roses and grunting wigwams

THE day before St Patrick's Day 1996 was a sacrilegious and personal watershed. On March 16 Ireland played England at Twickenham and were beaten soundly enough, and for the first time in 50 years I found myself insisting "We wasn't robbed".

wrapped, cellophane-bunched of red roses under the corner of the dressing-room bench at which the mighty Ben Clark, now greased and grunting in the bonded confraternity in the middle of the floor, had just lately been sitting and facing up his boots.



All in the game... Mark Regan's heavily strapped left leg comes under close scrutiny

The books they read were of the Gulf War variety; their films the most red-blooded

walk into his life, or rather his health club. Spending a season closeted with Carling's England and with one of the country's most accomplished young photographers, Jon Nicholson, being allowed full and intimate access to their collective psyche was - if one likes that sort of thing - a rare opportunity for a sports-writer, even a privileged one.

Through the months of this illuminating project one was similarly dragged hither and yon up diverting alleyways and away from the main sporting purpose in hand. Sometimes, at team meetings, the play-drop sillinesses were rapt and Trappist and prolonged - and Mike Catt, the former South African, would always attend them shoeless, I forgot to ask why. The dressing rooms did not reek, as I had imagined and the lore foretold, of embrocation and wintergreen but of black boot polish. Boot-cleaning obviously soothes nerves. This must have been the very small young Charles Dickens breathed in his Victorian blacking factory.

The players were, almost to a man, faddists and picky over food. The books they read in the muscle-tweaking, fretting longueurs were mostly of the SAS, Gulf War, top-of-the-pops variety; the films they chose for R & R on Thursday nights at the Richmond cinema always the most red-bloodedly violent. Aft, I suppose.

It was, therefore, of project, QED. Carling was to be finished in good time for his general exhortation to the troops. Rowell overheard. He craned down at me from his lock-forward height, his gummy grin looking menacing and his great all-nil spec-

tacles glinting. "He might be at yours but he's not reporting on mine," he said with finality. "Team meetings are no place for outsiders with Biro, and notebook, that's a fact and that's final, end of discussion."

From then on he put up with me, and just as often he provided rich insights he need not have confided. Such was typical of Rowell. His style is to be the enigma. It gives him the licence to blow hot or cold, keep "the opposition" on its toes as well as, at the same time, his own team. Which might make for the secret of his success: it did, for sure, when he was club coach at the triumphant Bath.

sanctum with a good bunch of blokes, introvert and extrovert, and courtesy of the enigmatic, un-pindownable Rowell was rewarding all right. It will be intriguing to see how the house that Jack is building weathers the storms ahead - and whether, as his bespoke and hand-picked team performs for him, we will be any closer to discovering what makes him tick.

American Football

Redskins keep Giants at bay

WASHINGTON Redskins were world perfect as the first-half drama unfolded at RFK Stadium on Sunday, but they got their lines crossed after the interval as the New York Giants rewrote the script.

But in the second half the Giants, their defence stiffened and Brown now homing in on his receivers, played like the team who had won five in a row. Brown threw touchdown passes to Lewis and Chris Calloway, and Tyrone Wheatley rushed for a touchdown to cut Washington's lead to seven points.

Golf

Tiger on the Bear's trail

David Davies on the disqualification that helped brilliant rookie to second US Tour win

THE extraordinary skills and breath-taking good fortune of Tiger Woods brought him his second win as a professional on Sunday, only eight weeks after he gave up his amateur status.

Woods won the \$1.2 million (€760,000) Walt Disney World Classic in Orlando, Florida with an amazing 21 under par, but only after Taylor Smith had equalled that total and then been disqualified.

winner of two majors, and if Stewart hit every green in regulation then the young Tiger missed only one. He occasionally over-exuberant putting brought three three-putts, including one from only 10 feet at the 17th, but only Smith, and he temporarily, could match the winning total.

Ice Hockey

Storm brewing for Berlin

MANCHESTER STORM go into this afternoon's European Hockey League game against the Berlin Capitals at the Nymex Arena in a better frame of mind than for their two previous EHL matches.

ish champions Lulea but still lost 10-6. Since then the Storm have won three of their four Superleague games. And on Sunday night they recovered from two down after 10 minutes to beat Nottingham Panthers 6-2 in front of a Superleague record crowd of 10,955 at the Nymex Arena.

Lawless said of a recovery sparked by three goals in the first five minutes of the second period by Hilton Ruggles, Eric Calder and Martin Smith after Paul Avey and Derek Laxald had put the Panthers ahead.

Tennis

Tone down the tantrums, ruling body tells Hingis

THE Women's Tennis Association is to ask Martina Hingis to banish the on-court tantrums marred the Swiss teenager's impressively early impact on the senior game.

resent and reflect women's tennis". Hingis dismisses the outbursts as simply self-motivational. "When I throw my racket it helps me concentrate," she said.

American Football

Mark Tran in New York

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Tennis

Out of order... Smith's putter

Woods now moves up to 23rd in the money list after only seven tournaments having made \$734,794, a quite unprecedented achievement, and he will be able to play in this week's US Tour Championship with its \$3 million

Tennis

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Tennis

Sunday in her defeat

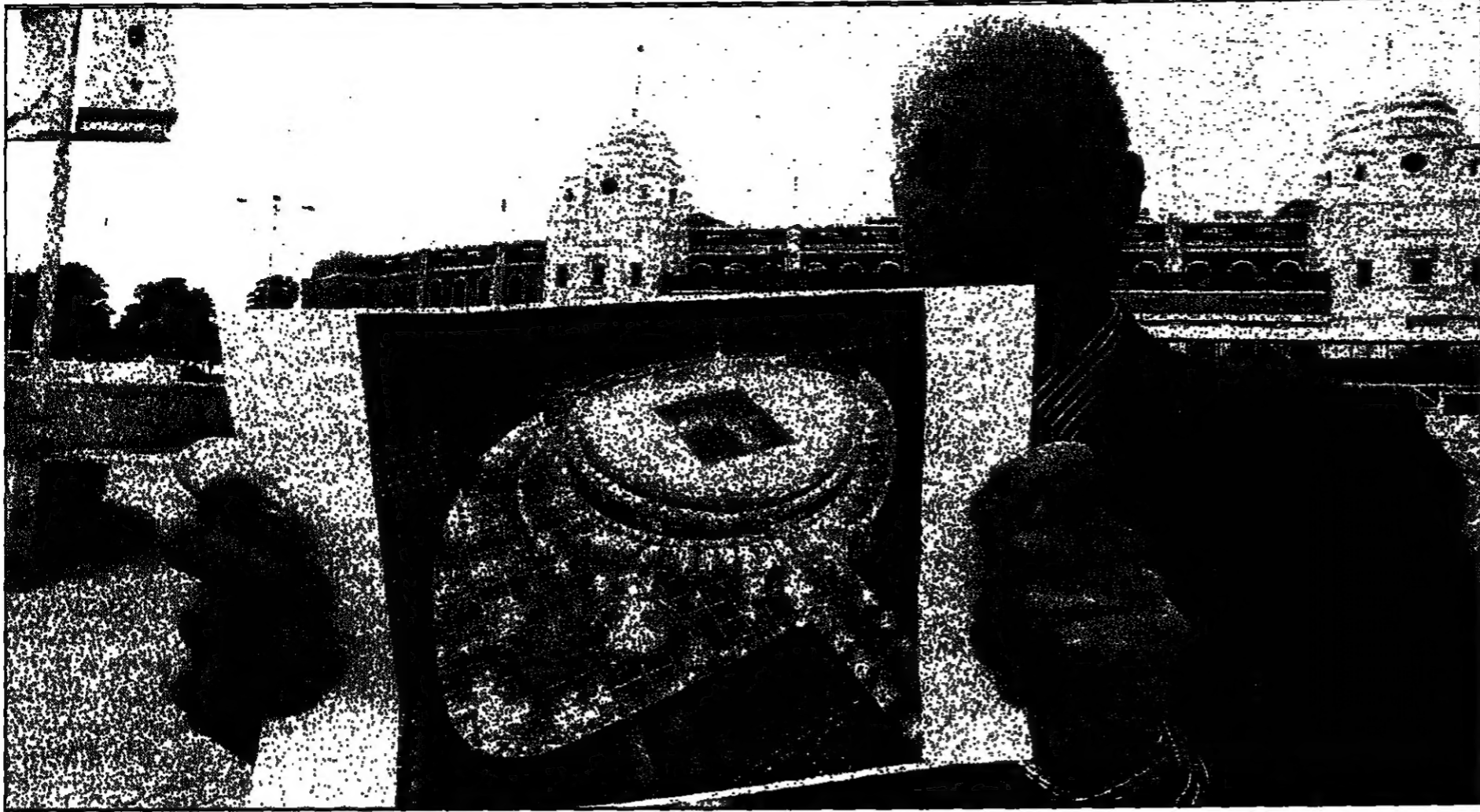
Sunday in her defeat by Jana Novotna she disrupted calls and once hit the net fiercely with the racket. The WTA's European operations director Georgia Clark said: "If it keeps on we would be concerned, but I think it's something we can deal with now. We'll be talking to her."

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Sports Guardian

NATIONAL STADIUM



Design and designer... Sir Norman Foster outside Wembley Stadium with his vision of the future, a modern arena that would be fit for the 21st century PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN GOODMAN

FA boost for Wembley bid

Manchester refuses to give up despite losing ground. John Duncan reports

WEMBLEY last night effectively won the battle to house the new national stadium, when the football authorities said they favoured the present site rather than Manchester as the venue for the £200 million, Lottery-funded project. There was controversy over the decision, however, with claims that the Manchester deal was financially better for the game to the tune of up to \$10 million a year. And there are reports that the Wembley deal involves paying the stadium operator — Wembley plc — \$5 million a year, the same function is said to be budgeted in the Manchester bid at \$500,000. "It was a requirement of the Sports Council that any

Premier League doubts about Wembley plc's relationship to the new stadium and the League's ability to invest in it. "We are potential investors in a national stadium project and we would make that decision in the light of an effective proposal and further clarity about the nature of the project," said a Premier League spokesman. That statement offers a little hope to Manchester, which yesterday refused to accept the FA's announcement as a defeat. "Definitely not," said Howard Bernstein, its leader, on behalf of the city council. "At the end of the day we believe the significant and decisive influence is the Sports Council. We are happy to see our proposals discussed and scrutinised and will be submitting our bid as planned." Formal bids must be received at the Sports Council headquarters by November 6

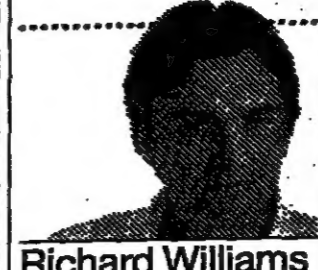
and a decision will be made in December, but it would be difficult for the Council to ignore the wishes of all the tenants of the new stadium. The FA will stage England internationals and Cup finals and the Football League the Coca-Cola Cup final and divisional play-offs. And the Premier League seeks to invest up to \$50 million in the stadium. However, the final choice is indeed for the Sports Council to make and it says its decision-making process will be unaffected by the FA's announcement. "Our key objective is to ensure that the public gets the benefit

of access to a world-class national stadium," said the Council's chief executive Derek Casey. "As a distributor of Lottery funds we need to ensure that our objectives and statutory obligations have been met and that the bidder will be eligible for a Lottery award." That hurdle is not straight-

forward for Wembley, which must show that Lottery money will not merely benefit the private company that owns the current stadium, Wembley plc. Wembley's drawing board is already heaving, however. The architect Sir Norman Foster has been hired to develop plans for a stadium with only the Twin Towers remaining from the Wembley of today. The towers will be moved brick by brick to allow the pitch to be moved by 90 degrees, which designers say will help overcome the glare from the sun. Seating will be in a "wave" form rather than a straight bowl and the external walls of the stadium will be capable of acting as a giant projection screen to encourage spectators to gather in a vast new square positioned outside the stadium. Parking will all be in an ambitious five-storey underground car park beneath the square, making the immediate surroundings of the stadium traffic-free. Inside the stadium, two thirds of seats will have armrests, every seat will be unobstructed, and there will be no athletics track for football events — for those it will be covered by 5,000 pitchside seats. A new Wembley stadium railway station will be serviced by Eurostar, the new Heathrow link and direct Inter-City trains. Whatever happens, Manchester will get a stadium of some sort, the Sports Council is already committed to funding the construction of a Commonwealth stadium at Eastlands, where \$30 million of government money has been spent preparing the site.

'Significant issues remain to be resolved to the satisfaction of football before final submission'

Kinnear not so crazy after all these years



Richard Williams

THIS time last year, when Wembleton were lying third in the Premiership, Joe Kinnear said: "I'm not finished yet." But seven defeats in a row pushed the manager's words back down his throat, and the season ended with the team in a lacklustre 14th place. Today, riding a wave of seven wins in a row, Wembleton are again in third place. And the decisive urgency of their performance in victory against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Saturday aroused a desire to put money on the possibility that next year the Dons will celebrate their 20th anniversary as a professional football club by representing England in Europe. Some would say that they began that role on Saturday, when they outguffed, outplayed and outscored Chelsea's team of Eurostars with a squad including 13 Englishmen (if you count Vinnie Jones as English, that is). Back in 1988, the post-Heyzel ban denied Wembleton a crack at the Cup Winners' Cup after they had beaten Liverpool at Wembley. But the prospect of the Dons venturing abroad is even more compelling now, since it might provide us with an answer to the question asked whenever English league teams fall in European club competitions after trying to match their opponents for patience and guile: how would we get on if we gave up copying Johnny Foreigner and concentrated on our traditional virtues of speed, strength and simplicity? The failures have been so frequent that the question is a cliché. Yet no English manager in the post-Heyzel era has felt like answering it, thanks to a thoroughly respectable desire to make our football more modern and flexible by improving the skills and tactical awareness of our players. But for all Wembleton's reputation as the bod-carriers of the Premiership, a few minutes of talking tactics with Kinnear could convince anyone that few squads in England are more flexible than his. Any 10-year-old could see that Kinnear's team beat Chelsea primarily by getting the ball to Marcus Gayle and Ethan

Ekoku, their rangy forwards. "We felt that Chelsea's defence liked to push up, which would leave space behind them for us to exploit," he said yesterday. "We wanted to terrorise them with our pace. And we did." But there were subtler reasons for the victory, providing evidence of the sort of attention to detail which suggests that Kinnear might make an interesting contribution to a European campaign. On Saturday, for instance, he told Robbie Earle that Roberto di Matteo, his opposite number in midfield, would not be interested in tracking back after him when Earle moved forward. Earle opened the scoring and was praised for his all-round showing against the Italian. Kinnear also decided that Frank Leboeuf's forays up the middle could be neutralised by encouraging him to pass the ball harmlessly wide. Driven to distraction by Wembleton's forwards, the Frenchman could take no relief in attacking. Howard Wilkinson's dismissal made Kinnear the second-longest serving manager in the Premiership, after Alex Ferguson, and his experience is beginning to show. He does his homework, and spoke of how tactical switches had neutralised Kinkiazze and Juninho last season. "If you give George Weah space," he said, perhaps with his eyes on the future, "he's going to run at you and go past people and probably score. But if you have someone close to him all the time he's going to have to pass the ball." BUT Kinnear knows there's more than one way to skin a rabbit, and he told me a particularly interesting trick that Wembleton had used a couple of times this season. "If they've got a player who's not a good passer, you make sure he sees a lot of the ball. You mark him well, so that he becomes their spare man. They keep giving him the ball and he keeps giving it away. Against Derby we put Gayle on Stimac to encourage the other centre-back, Carbon, to come out with the ball, because we felt that his distribution wasn't as devastating as Stimac's. He was launching it straight back to us." Last year's slump coincided with injuries to half a dozen key players. "We've learnt from that," Kinnear said. "The continuity's good and the confidence has grown." As Liverpool, who have won the European Cup four times, might attest, a confident Wembleton would frighten anyone.

Guardian Crossword No 40,790

19 Original name — Microsoft Sheep? (10)
22 Fish on the same lines (4)
23 Capital drama about love-girl (8)
24 With Reagan interrupting, see the other side at once! (6)
25 East German war criminal embracing the landlady (7)
26 Louis declined in-force (3,4)

Set by Shed

20 Neptune's foot for the interval (7)
21 Cold title fish eating giant turtle's head (6)
21 Refills with first-class drink (4,2)

Hoddle ready to drop Gascoigne

David Lacey reports as the FA considers the wayward star's international future

PAUL GASCOIGNE'S England career may well be living on borrowed time. In fact it may have already passed the point of no return, after last week's allegations of wife-beating which coincided with his latest Champions League sending-off with Rangers. Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, and Keith Wiseman, the new chairman of the Football Association, discussed him yesterday. On Thursday week Hoddle will announce his squad for the World Cup qualifier in Georgia. It will be surprising if Gascoigne is in it. David Davies, the FA's director of public affairs, confirmed last night that Hoddle and Wiseman would be meet-

ing again this week. "Glenn will also be having further discussions with Paul and Walter Smith, the Rangers manager," Davies added. Last Friday Gascoigne apologised for his sending-off against Ajax 48 hours earlier — he had kicked Winston Bogarde — but did not comment on reports that he had assaulted his wife, Sherri, during an argument at the Glengables Hotel the previous Sunday. Whereas Smith was furious with Gascoigne's red card against Ajax, the FA is more concerned both with the Glengables incident and the heavy drinking that allegedly preceded it. Shortly before England beat Poland at Wembley 12 days ago, and on the eve of a largely sympathetic study of the 26-year-old Gascoigne in a Channel 4 Cutting Edge programme, Hoddle publicly backed the player. "I know what's been said about him, including his drinking," said the England coach, "but I'm not interested in that." Now Hoddle may have to revise his priorities. The Gascoigne he described as a family man with "a good attitude and a caring quality" who could go on playing until he was 35 has been overtaken by the latest in a series of drink-related incidents. Just over a month ago, after the admission by Tony Adams, the Arsenal captain, that he was an alcoholic, the FA announced that it was stepping up breath tests on players. To some, retaining Gascoigne in the England squad would be at odds with the fine words spoken then. Gascoigne, capped 45 times by England, did not play well against the Poles and his stamina remains in question. Even if Sunday lunch at Glengables had passed without incident there would have been a case for not starting him against Georgia in Tbilisi on November 5. His omission would also serve as a final public warning. What may help persuade Hoddle is the prospect of England's training headquarters at Bisham Abbey being besieged by the media if Gascoigne is still in the squad. If he feels this might upset his other players he will surely decide England need Georgia, not Gezza, on their minds. At least that would give all parties a three-month breathing space until England play Italy at Wembley in February.

Across
7 Inflated Brit to work over American (7)
8 Look into public transport and working garment (7)
10 Incentive for accountant to be put back on the bishop's books (6)
11 This compiler, perhaps, puts solver into river (9)
12 Breathing apparatus supplying a measure of spirit (4)
13 Backward soldiers surround old Russian city, leaderless (10)
14 Serviceman trapping bird, maybe 17's idol (6,5)

Down
1 Babe the Prophet climbing round the country (7)
2 Firework-trimmer impounding King Lear's leaders (8)
3 Grouse's European parent (6)
4 Wolfram (tungsten) initially affected by parasite (8)
5 Wit's hesitation in time (6)
6 Decapitates fish with one cut (7)
9 Satisfied debts may be open to dispute (11)
15 Ivor's out to become a star player (8)
16 Notice animal sanctuary in Chesterton's old oath (8)
17 One sage receiving order from another (7)
18 Minor sea-god by

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